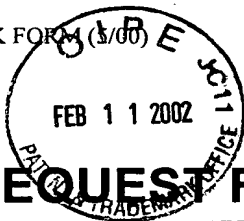


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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This is a **request for continued examination** under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (RCE) of pending application Serial No. 09/238,262, filed on January 27, 1999 entitled **METHOD OF PRODUCING STRUCTURED WAFERS**

The following constitute the submission **required** by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a) and is attached:

- ☒ Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 mailed on November 13, 2001, copy attached.
☐ Information Disclosure Statement
☐ Drawing Changes
☒ Other Submission: Preliminary Amendment

1. The filing fee for this RCE and the required amendment/submission is calculated below. The fee below is calculated based on the status of the claims after the entry of the attached amendment/submission. The fee for any new additional claims is included with this RCE, the fee for previously entered additional claims having already been paid.

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	MINUS	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT NUMBER EXTRA*	RATE (\$) PER CLAIM	FEE (\$)
BASIC FEE						740.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	13	0	20	0	18.00	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	5	0	3	2	84.00	168.00
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2. Please charge the required RCE and submission filing fee of **\$908.00** to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
3. Applicants respectfully request a **three-month extension of time** for responding to the Final Office Action mailed August 14, 2001, for which a response period expiring on November 14, 2001 was set. The extended period for response expires on February 14, 2002. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extension fee of **\$920.00** to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fees, including any additional and/or extension fees required, associated with this communication or arising during the pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
5. A duplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.

Dated: FEB. 11, 2002

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 14, 2001, please reconsider the above identified application based on at least the following:

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the present application. It is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable and reconsideration of the present application is requested for at least the following reasons.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) with respect to Claim 1

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). The Patent Office has contended that this claim is unpatentable over Renken et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,542,650). It is respectfully submitted that this rejection should be withdrawn for at least the following reasons.

In order for a claim to be rejected for obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), not only